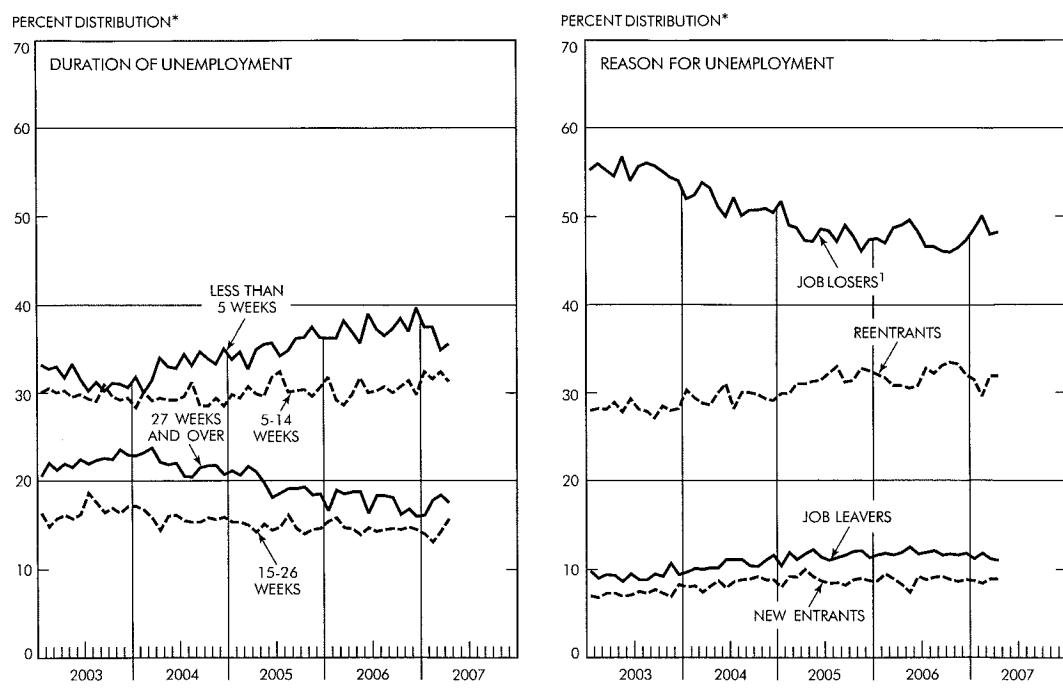


SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In April, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and for 15-26 weeks rose; the percentages for 5-14 weeks and for 27 weeks and over fell. The mean duration of unemployment fell to 17.1 weeks and the median duration rose to 8.7 weeks.



*SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

¹BEGINNING JANUARY 1994, JOB LOSERS AND PERSONS WHO COMPLETED TEMPORARY JOBS.

SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

Period	Unemployment (thousands)	Duration of unemployment				Reason for unemployment: percent distribution				State programs		Insured unemployment, all regular programs (unadjusted) ²			
		Percent distribution				Number of weeks		Job losers ¹	Job leavers	Reentrants	New entrants	Insured unemployment	Initial claims		
		Less than 5 weeks	5-14 weeks	15-26 weeks	27 weeks and over	Average (mean)	Median								
1997	6,739	37.7	31.7	14.8	15.8	15.8	8.0	45.1	11.8	34.7	8.4	2,323	323	2,366	
1998	6,210	42.2	31.4	12.3	14.1	14.5	6.7	45.5	11.8	34.3	8.4	2,222	321	2,257	
1999	5,880	43.7	31.2	12.8	12.3	13.4	6.4	44.6	13.3	34.1	8.0	2,188	298	2,219	
2000	5,692	44.9	31.9	11.8	11.4	12.6	5.9	44.2	13.7	34.5	7.6	2,110	301	2,141	
2001	6,801	42.0	32.3	14.0	11.8	13.1	6.8	51.1	12.3	29.9	6.8	2,974	404	3,007	
2002	8,378	34.5	30.8	16.3	18.3	16.6	9.1	55.0	10.3	28.3	6.4	3,585	407	3,619	
2003	8,774	31.7	29.8	16.4	22.1	19.2	10.1	55.1	9.3	28.2	7.3	3,531	404	3,569	
2004	8,149	33.1	29.2	15.9	21.8	19.6	9.8	51.5	10.5	29.5	8.4	2,950	345	2,995	
2005	7,591	35.1	30.4	14.9	19.6	18.4	8.9	48.3	11.5	31.4	8.8	2,661	328	2,706	
2006	7,001	37.3	30.3	14.7	17.6	16.8	8.3	47.4	11.8	32.0	8.8	2,476	313	2,518	
2006:												Weekly average, thousands			
Apr	7,098	37.0	29.8	14.6	18.7	16.9	8.5	49.0	11.9	30.8	8.3	2,437	312	2,660	
May	7,006	35.7	31.7	13.9	18.7	17.1	8.5	49.6	12.5	30.5	7.4	2,425	328	2,266	
June	6,984	39.0	30.0	14.7	16.3	16.1	7.6	48.3	11.7	30.8	9.2	2,435	309	2,169	
July	7,228	37.3	30.2	14.3	18.3	17.3	8.2	46.6	11.9	32.8	8.8	2,466	313	2,637	
Aug	7,116	36.5	30.7	14.5	18.3	17.3	8.4	46.6	12.1	32.2	9.1	2,478	317	2,265	
Sept	6,912	37.3	30.0	14.6	18.1	17.2	8.1	46.1	11.6	33.1	9.2	2,441	315	2,090	
Oct	6,715	38.5	30.7	14.5	16.2	16.4	8.0	46.0	11.7	33.5	8.8	2,433	314	2,281	
Nov	6,826	37.0	31.4	14.8	16.8	16.3	8.2	46.5	11.6	33.3	8.6	2,458	325	2,218	
Dec	6,849	39.7	29.8	14.5	16.0	15.9	7.3	47.3	11.8	32.1	8.8	2,457	320	2,630	
2007:	Jan	7,017	37.5	32.4	14.0	16.1	16.2	8.1	48.6	11.2	31.5	8.7	2,488	311	3,159
	Feb	6,865	37.5	31.6	13.1	17.8	16.4	8.1	50.1	11.8	29.6	8.4	2,553	337	3,101
	Mar	6,724	34.9	32.4	14.3	18.4	17.3	8.5	48.0	11.2	31.9	8.9	2,513	317	2,738
	Apr	6,801	35.6	31.3	15.7	17.5	17.1	8.7	48.2	11.0	31.9	8.9	p 329

¹Beginning January 1994, job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.

²Includes State (50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands), ex-servicemen (UCX), and Federal (UCPE). Also includes Federal and State extended benefit programs. Does not include Railroad (RR) program, Federal supplemental compensation or Emergency Unemployment Compensation programs.

NOTE.—Data relate to persons age 16 years and over (except for insured unemployment and initial claims).

Seasonally adjusted insured and initial unemployment claims data reflect annual revisions.

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment and Training Administration).